

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship at 10am on **Sunday, January 23, 2022.**

The information for Online Worship is:
<https://www.littlefallsumc.org/onlineworship>

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzxLc7UQjeMNprjm9u8gtQ/>

You can join Online Worship using your home phone or cell phone.

Call with the number 646-876-9923.

Meeting ID, 917 9067 6301, and enter Passcode 139139.

The scriptures for this Sunday are Psalm 19:1-10 and Luke 4:14-21.

I will deliver the message titled, 'This Scripture has been fulfilled'.

If you have any concerns and joys and share with the congregation and ask the church to pray on Sunday, please let me know! You can email, call, or text me. Or you can submit your prayer concerns and joys here: <https://www.littlefallsumc.org/prayer>

Your generous financial support is significant and appreciated very much. We have continued our ministries with your support. Thank you for your financial support with your service for the church and the congregation. Please mail your offerings and tithes to the church office (139 Main St. Little Falls, NJ 07424). You can give us your offerings before or after worship on Sunday or during the church office hours (Tuesday – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm).
Again, we appreciate your generosity very much.

Please see the bulletin for other announcements!

Have a good day! & See you on Sunday!
Pastor Jin

Little Falls United Methodist Church

Worship Bulletin

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022 - Sunday Worship: 10 AM



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*“A Welcoming Community of Faith, Hope,
Mission and Outreach Sharing Christ’s Love”*

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”

**“I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.” (Romans 12:1)**

Called to Praise

‡Prepare your heart and body for Worship

Welcome & Greeting

‡Call to Worship

Leader: God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

All: Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

Leader: The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

All: By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

Leader: Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

All: Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. AMEN.

‡Praise Song

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blestw,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Children's Time

New Home

Genesis 12:1-9

Abraham loved God. So did his wife Sarah. One day, God told Abraham to move to a new land. So, along with their helpers, Abraham and Sarah packed up and went.

Announcements

- We have 'In-Person' Worship in the Sanctuary and 'Online Worship' at 10 am on Sunday, January 23, 2022. You can choose In-person worship or Online worship

to worship with us.

- We highly recommend you to wear a mask during in-person Worship to protect one another. We are following the CDC guideline to protect everyone.
- The Worship Bulletin will be sent to you by email (most people) or mail (those who cannot access email). You can see the bulletin on the church website, <https://www.littlefallsumc.org/onlineworship>
- We will use YouTube for Online Worship. We have used both YouTube and Facebook for Online Worship. Click the link to join in Online Worship. Please join in Online worship 10 minutes before the Worship Time!
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzxLc7UQjeMNprjm9u8gtQ/>
- You can join the Online Worship by your home phone or flip cell phone. Call with the number 646-876-9923 and enter the Meeting ID, 917 9067 6301 and # Key and then press # key again! Passcode 139139.
- If you cannot join in online worship, please have Worship Service with your family at home using the attached worship bulletin. The worship bulletin includes scripture and sermon notes.
- Please email Pastor Jin (jkim@littlefallsumc.org) if you would like to share your concerns and joys with the congregation. Pastor Jin will lift up the names in the order of prayer in our worship.
- Please contact Pastor Jin or the church office if you need any help from Pastor Jin or church members! We are here to help you.
- **Church Forum** - The next Forum will be at 10:30 am on **Saturday, January 29, 2022 via Zoom.** Please join us and share your wisdom with us!
- **Stewardship Campaign – Thank you to those who already gave us your pledge card.** We continue to receive pledge cards, so you are not late. please participate in our Stewardship Campaign with your generous, faithful hearts, if you didn't give us your pledge card, God Bless you as you fill out the pledge card and mail it back, drop it off at the church, put it in the offering plate, or add it to the Pledge Box in the Narthex.
- **Kids For Christ** – Next Meeting will be on **February 4** at 6:30 pm. KFC is a Friday night program for children. We will have KFC every first and third Friday of the month. Please encourage children to join KFC.
- **Treasured Memories** – “Treasured Memories” is a grief group for those who have lost their loved ones. The ongoing meeting is held in Lee Lounge at 7 PM on every ***2nd Wednesday of the month.*** Contact Allison for details (973) 800-4152 (leave message).

- **SAVE THE DATE! SUPER BOWL SUNDAY CHILI & SUB SALE IS BACK!**
Sunday, February 13, 11am to 1pm, Order forms are available now.
- **Ruth Lee Meeting – February 23, 2022, at 4pm.**
- **The Unity Circle** is starting to collect gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens to fill our snowman box. Please see Betty Caceres for more information. **Thank you for your support!**
- **Shoprite Gift Card** - If you want to buy a Shoprite gift card, please contact Pete (973) 595-5765 (detroit50@aol.com).
- **Kohl's Gift Card** - If you want to buy a Kohl's gift card, please contact Allison.
- **AmazonSmile Program** - Please choose Little Falls UMC as your charity organization at <https://smile.amazon.com>. All services and prices will be the same and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the church.
- Your financial support and generosity are greatly appreciated and essential for our church ministry and mission. Please consider sending your tithes and offerings to Little Falls UMC (139 Main St. Little Falls, NJ 07424). You can send your offerings and tithes to the church every week. Or you can send offerings and tithes for a month with a check. Thanks again for your generosity again!
- **LFUMC FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED** - Many families depend on the Food Pantry on a regular basis. The Pantry needs the following non-perishable items; canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, adult/children's cereal, pasta & sauce, instant potatoes/rice, tuna, chicken, sardines, fruit, apple sauce, juice, and granola bars.
- **SOCKS FOR SOULS - *Do your feet get cold?*** Please help Unity Circle to provide new or gently used socks to the homeless. There is a constant need. Please drop off your socks in the large white sock in the Narthex.
- **Ongoing Collection** - UMW also collects postmarked stamps, can pull tabs, Box Tops for Education, and the front of greeting cards. Items are donated to different charities and organizations.

‡Hymn of Prayer

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UMH 474

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:

take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

Prayers of the People (Response: God, in Your Mercy, hear our prayers.)

Gracious and merciful God, we come to you this morning bringing our concerns and worries with us. We ask for your healing mercies and yet we wonder if you really are with us. To those who were hopeless, Jesus proclaimed that God had called him to bring good news to the poor; to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to let the oppressed go free; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. God has fulfilled God's promise in the person of Jesus. God, through the witness of Jesus, is calling each of us to the task. The promise of hope and justice is given to this world. And we have become bearers of that promise. Now is the time for work and witness. Now is the time for hope and peace. Now is the time for each one of us to do our part in establishing God's kingdom. Lord, get us ready for service. Pick us up; dust us off, and put us on the pathways of justice. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Called to the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

All: Amen

OT Lesson Psalm 19:1-10

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the

sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

This ends the OT Lessons.

Let us turn to the Gospel Lesson. Please stand, if able.

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:14-21

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

This Scripture has been fulfilled

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

Good morning, Church family! I hope you had a blessed week in Christ. You are in my daily prayers. I pray that you are safe and well in Christ all the time. Last Sunday, we considered that Jesus saves us and helps us. Let us ask Jesus for his help for us and our loved ones by prayers.

Would you try to answer these questions in your hearts? What sermon would you like to listen to? What message will help you to grow in Christ? What words can strengthen you and direct you to go on God's ways? What message would touch your hearts with God's love and grace in your lives? What thoughts and themes come to your mind? Now, would you try to answer other questions in your hearts? What message would God like to give

you? What words would God say to you for you? What direction would God give you for your life direction? What words would Jesus preach to you if he stands here and now?

Jesus read the scripture from the book of Isaiah. The scripture was this. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he added his comment, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." That was Jesus' sermon for the day. Jesus proclaimed that the scripture was fulfilled that day. That meant that The Holy Spirit was upon Jesus, and he was anointed to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free. Jesus proclaimed that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit, and Jesus was anointed for God's ministry, so God's words were fulfilled.

We don't know how much the congregation understood Jesus' words and what they did after they listened to Jesus' words. However, Jesus' words were true because he carried out the scripture in his life. Ultimately, God's words were fulfilled through Jesus's death and resurrection because we are forgiven, and we are promised the kingdom of God through Jesus' death and resurrection. Our returning place, the kingdom of God, does not have any bad things such as sorrow, death, crying, moaning. There is no oppression and blindness in the kingdom of God. Everyone will be free from poverty, oppression, worries, concerns, or health issues. In those ways, Jesus' cross and resurrection fulfilled God's words, the scripture.

However, that was not all. Jesus' ministry made people experience the kingdom of God. Jesus made it real in people's lives through his ministry. Jesus proclaimed that he was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit to bring good news to the poor. As we know, Jesus' sermon on the mountain Jesus brought good news to the poor, saying, "Blessed are the poor for theirs is the kingdom of God." in the gospel of Mark. Jesus' message became the hope and assurance for the poor who suffered from their poverty. In the gospel of Matthew, two words, 'in spirit,' were added to Jesus' words, it is written, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of God." Here, Jesus brought hope and assurance to those whose hearts suffered from their life issues. Jesus gave them the good news of God to the poor, both literally and spiritually.

Jesus said that he was sent to proclaim release to the captives. Jesus freed people who were captured by evil spirits. Do you remember the boy who came to Jesus with his father? Jesus cast out an evil spirit. And the boy was free from the evil spirit. In another story, Jesus cast out a multitude of unclean spirits from a man, and the man was free from suffering and could have a normal life.

Jesus said that he was sent for recovery of sight to the blind. When Jesus saw a man blind from his birth, he spat on the ground and made mud and spread that mud on the man's eyes and ordered him to wash. When he washed his eyes, he could see.

Jesus knew his mission, and he knew that the kingdom of God would be promised to them through his death and resurrection. However, Jesus made people see and experience the kingdom of God. Jesus made the kingdom of God real in people's daily life. And that was the fulfillment of God's words that Jesus read. That is why Jesus said, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled."

Little Falls Church family,

I hope you and I remember that God's words have been fulfilled through Jesus Christ and his ministry from helping people to death and resurrection. Jesus brought the good news to us, proclaimed release to us, opened our eyes to see the kingdom of God, and freed us from oppression. We will see the completion of the kingdom of God when God's time comes. However, that is not only a future event but also a current event through Jesus. I pray we experience God's salvation, freedom, hope, grace, and mercy in our daily life so that we proclaim, "Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled."

Also, I pray we, Little Falls UMC, serve others to proclaim the same words, "Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled." How? As the body of Christ Jesus, we can serve others to proclaim the same words through our church ministry. As the body of Christ Jesus, we can serve the poor. We are providing food for the hungry through our food pantry ministry. By helping the food pantry ministry, we can serve them to experience the kingdom of God. UMW and circles are giving the homeless winter items, such as gloves and mittens. By helping to collect the winter items and donating items, we can serve them to feel the warmth of God's love and grace. By sharing our stories of Jesus with others, we can bring good news to others. By praying for others, we can strengthen others. By inviting others to worship and ministry, we can serve them to have a new life in Christ. By studying injustice such as racism, sexism, discrimination and trying to find a way to resolve it and try projects and stand for the weak and the oppressed, we can serve our community and society to experience freedom from injustice. We can find ways more to serve others to say, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled."

Little Falls church family,

Let us be proud of ourselves because we have worked on the ministries for the poor, the oppressed, and the needy. Let us give thanks to God for leading us to participate in Jesus' ministry as the body of Christ Jesus. Let us go together on Jesus' way and work together on Jesus' ministry with passion and gratitude toward God. Let's proclaim, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled through Little Falls UMC with God's help and grace." and let's serve others to proclaim, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in my life." Amen.

Called to Share

Response to Our Generous God

‡**Doxology** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

‡Prayer of Dedication

All: God who created us, as we gather to worship you, we are conscious that we are all one body in Christ. When one part of the body is hurting, the whole body is wounded; when healing happens, the whole body is blessed. May our giving this morning bring love to the parts of Christ's body that are feeling unloved and forgotten; and may it bring justice and mercy to those parts that are oppressed and burdened. In our giving, may we find the joy of blessing the whole body of Christ. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Called to the World

‡Closing Hymn

We Are Called

TFWS 2172

Come! Live in the Light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Refrain

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!

Refrain

‡Benediction

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” “The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.” Amen.

